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TOPIC Shipments of Ammunition from the Stettin Harbor to

Soviet Zone Ammunition Depots

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SOURCE

1. Ammunition was shipped from the Stettin harbor to various ammunition depots in the Soviet Zone of Germany between the beginning of March and the beginning of April 1950. It was hauled on Volkspolizei convoys of 20 to 30 trucks each. The convoys moved under Soviet supervision, primarily at night. The VP vehicles came from Schwerin (M 54/T 46), Berlin, Potsdam (N 53/Z 63), Dresden (N 52/F 29) and Erfurt (M 51/J 36). (1)
2. Infantry ammunition of 20 and 30 mm caliber in various types of clips and packed in boxes, artillery ammunition of about 100, 120 and 150 mm caliber packed in boxes and baskets and 50-cm long shells of 100 to 120 mm caliber were primarily observed. (2)
3. It was learned that the ammunition was shipped to ammunition depots in the woods near Gotha (M 51/J 06), Hoyerswerda (N 52/A 53), Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23), Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 52) and Schwerin-Sternbuchholz. (3)
4. The shipments of ammunition continued in early April 1950.

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- (2) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: The report does not indicate whether the ammunition was destined for the Soviet Army or the German Volkspolizei. However, as VP units have so far been supplied with ammunition (primarily former German ammunition) from Soviet Zone depots, it is believed that the ammunition was destined for Soviet troops and only hauled by VP personnel.

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- (3) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: The installations to which the ammunition was shipped are believed to be:

Gotha : New ammunition depot in the woods near Metebach, about 7 km NW of Gotha. (4)

Hoyerswerda: An ammunition depot is not known in that area.

Brandenburg: Medium-sized depot in the Arado plant buildings, primarily storing rocket launcher ammunition.

Fuerstenberg: Large ammunition depot in Fuerstenberg-Steinfoerde.

Schwerin-Sternbuchholz: Re-established section of the former German Army ammunition depot. (5)

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